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Exclusive Exhibit of Chinese Embroidery Opens Saturday

Carter Presidential Library is Sole Venue Outside China for 32 Piece Exhibit

Atlanta, GA. – On Saturday, February 19, the Carter Presidential Library and Museum presents an exclusive exhibition of Chinese embroidery by two of China's Grand Master embroiderers. "Hand to Hand: Two Grand Masters of Suzhou Embroidery" features 32 pieces by Gu Wenxia, Grand Master of Fine Arts and Crafts of China and Yu Fuzhen, Grand Master of Fine Arts and Crafts of Jiangsu Province.

Master Gu developed the design for the world famous double-sided "Kitten" embroideries which have been State Gifts from China to American Presidents. Master Yu is a protégé of Master Gu and created the "Kitten" embroidery that was given to President Richard Nixon in 1976.

The exhibition includes double-sided embroideries, landscapes, portraits, flowers and animals. The work is so intricate and uses so many colors of silk thread that it has been described as painting with needles. The silk threads used in the embroideries are divided into 48 strands to create the embroideries.

These magnificent works of art came to the Carter Presidential Library directly from China. When the exhibition ends, they will return to China. The Carter Presidential Library and Museum is the only venue outside of China to display these works.

The exhibition runs from February 19 through June 11. There is no additional admission to see "Hand to Hand." Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors (60+), military and students with ID. Those 16 and under are always free.

Editors Note: Journalists interested in doing a preview story or needing images of the pieces prior to its opening to the public should contact the Carter Library Public Affairs office.